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The Honorable Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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Applicants respectfully request a two month extension of time in which to respond to the Office Action dated April 8, 2003. The extension fee should be charged to deposit account 13-2755. Any additional fees or overpayments in connection with this paper should be charged or credited to deposit account 13-2755.

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the rejections in light of the following amendments and remarks.

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